

every plant of the world will grow there. Says he will be glad to get information for us in regard to any of the species growing there.

PARAGUAY, Cango. Mr. C. F. Mead, July 6. Mr. Mead is engaged in bridge building in Paraguay, but has a deep interest in botany and agriculture. Promises to send plants found in the country through which his work takes him.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila. Mr. Wm. S. Lyon, June 23. Sends descriptions of three of the best banana varieties of the Philippines. "LACATAN is easily the first in quality. It always commands 20 to 50 per cent more than any other variety. Its superior quality does not wholly account for this. Scarcity is a factor, as its planting is discredited by growers on account of its delicate habit, shy fruiting and very limited reproduction of suckers. There are only 40 to 50 fruits in a bunch. LA GLORIA is a glorious, clear lemon-yellow, slightly tart and commercially, the banana par excellence of the Philippines. One hundred bunches are sold or consumed as against ten or less of all other kinds combined. It is an excellent keeper. The fruit is only medium size, but is in huge bunches of 200 and more fruits. It is also of early maturity, robust habit and prolific of both fruits and suckers. It is the most cosmopolitan kind. BUMULAN is rated our second best in quality and by many accorded equal rank in quality with Lacatan, and is in all respects a better carrier. I can vouch for it as being a robust, healthy grower and so far as I have observed, free from disease. The fruit is borne 100 to 120 to the bunch and is yellow with streaks of green. It is not, however, a very attractive market fruit."